1	2	3	4	5	6	7
12.	Tuticorin	20.55	13.68	15.81	17.14	39.52
13.	Ennore	13.00	9.28	9.48	9.17	45.24
	TOTAL:	**456.20**	**344.80**	**383.75**	**423.41**	**800.41**

Apart from the 12 major ports, 187 non-major ports, which are under the overall jurisdiction of the respective State Governments have handled a total traffic of 120.84 million tonnes (MT), 137.83 MT and 145.53 MT during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively. The responsibility for the development of these non-major ports including augmentation of their cargo handling capacities vests with the respective State Governments.

(f) Does not arise.

New bridge over River Zuari

376. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to stated:

(a) whether Zuari Bridge on National Highway No. 17 has developed cracks;

(b) whether any inspection is carried out by the technician of the Ministry;

(c) whether any report has been filed in this connection;

(d) the basic recommendations contained in this report; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken for the repair or construction of a new bridge on the River Zuari?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir. Two longitudinal cracks have developed in the deck slab of span P4-P5 and P5-P6 of Zuari bridge on NH-17.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. The bridge has been inspected by Chief Engineer and Regional Officer, Mumbai of the Ministry. Inspection report of Chief

Engineer has recommended sealing of cracks and to consider further rehabilitation measures, if any, after monitoring the behaviour of cracks.

(e) State PWD of Goa has already been directed to under take the repair and monitoring of the cracks. Construction of a new bridge on River Zuari is included in the widening of NH-17 to four lanes under NHDP Phase-IIIB.

Amendment of Indian Vessels Act

377. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend Indian Vessels Act; and

(b) if so, the essential provision of the proposed legislation?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the important provisions in the proposed amendment to Inland Vessels Act, 1917 are as follows:—

(i) Change in definition of inland vessel, inland water and mechanically propelled vessel;

(ii) Inclusion of definition of tidal water;

(iii) Provision for issue of temporary permit till issuance of Survey Certificate;

(iv) Increasing period from 12 months to 36 months for inland vessels to ply in another State without transfer to registration;

(v) Facilitating grant of certificate of service to personnel of Coast Guard, Indian Navy or regular Army;

(vi) Certificate of competency, service or licences to have effect throughout India;

(vii) Application of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 with respect to insurance to mechanically propelled vessels;